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I refer to your letter of July 18, concerning your son, Brian.

I am departing Guyana in the near future. However, my successor, Mr. Douglas Ellice, is planning to visit the People's Temple Agricultural Community later this month. During his visit, Mr. Ellice will arrange a personal private meeting with your son. He will inform you of the results of his visit.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Mc Coy
American Consul

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July 18, 1978

Dear Mr. McCoy,

Thank you for your letter of March 23rd., in answer to my letter of concern for my son, Brian.

I have talked to a Deborah Layton, and seen a copy of a sworn affidavit, in which she says that she escaped from Jonestown, with your help. She mentions tortures of various types, poor diet, armed guards, and a threat (on the part Jim Jones) of mass suicide. I am even more alarmed about the situation than I was before.

I would like to have some response from you, as soon as possible, about the situation as you perceive it now, about the possible danger to the very lives of the residents of the Peoples Temple outpost, and about the possibility of your requesting that the Guyanese government post inspectors there around the clock,

until these charges are thoroughly investigated.

I appreciate your taking the time and effort to correspond with me, and I do hope you can understand my distress and concern for my son's safety and well-being.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

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